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In re Application of
Kollanparampil K. Kuruvilla et al
Application No. 08/541,516
Filed: October 10, 1995

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed September 3, 2002, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

Attorney Docket No. 1605.00002

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure submit the issue fee in a timely manner in reply to the Notice of Allowance mailed April 4, 1997, which set a statutory period for reply of three (3) months. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on July 5, 1997.

The above-identified application has been abandoned for an extended period of time. The Patent and Trademark Office is relying on petitioner's duty of candor and good faith and accepting the statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. See Changes to Patent Practice and Procedure, 62 Fed. Reg. at 53160 and 53178; 1203 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office at 88 and 103 (responses to comments 64 and 109) (applicant obligated under 37 CFR 10.18 to inquire into the underlying facts and circumstances when providing the statement required by 37 CFR 1.137(b) to the Patent and Trademark Office).

The file does not indicate a change of address has been submitted, although the address given on the petition differs from the address of record. If appropriate, a change of address should be filed in accordance with MPEP 601.03. A courtesy copy of this decision is being mailed to the address given on the petition; however, the Office will mail all future correspondence solely to the address of record.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Irvin Dingle at (703) 306-5684.

The application file is being forwarded to Publishing Division to be processed into a patent.

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